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#### **Status of Application**

1. Applicant's amendment, filed Oct 31, 2005, has been entered in the application. Claims 1 and 4-6 are pending, with claims 2 and 3 having been canceled.

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. Claims 1 and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 1, line 10, it is not entirely clear what is meant by "the beginning of the end"; in claim 4, line 2, it is not entirely clear what is meant by "at a level" in the context of the particular recitation of the claim; in claim 4, lines 2-3, it is not entirely clear what is meant by a 'lateral end region'.

#### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

- 3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
- 4. Claims 1, 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated, as best understood, by Porte (FR 2,804,335, cited by applicant). Porte teaches a gliding board (1) having front and rear tip ends (3, 2); a gliding surface (7), plural symmetrical peripheral zones (8/22), and a central zone (9/13/14), the peripheral zone extending from the board edge to a discontinuity (see fig. 2, for example) having an inflection point, the peripheral zone having a thickness less than that of the central zone; the width of the peripheral zone increasing from an initial location (e.g., just beyond regions 10 or 12) towards a distal board location; the upper face of the peripheral zone being substantially parallel to the gliding surface (note figure 2); the zone having a downward incline, from a first end toward the opposite (distal) board end; the board further including guide edges (5); wherein the peripheral zone width is of a greater dimension that the guide edge width (note figure 2), the upper face of the peripheral zone being substantially parallel with the gliding surface (figure 3).

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

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6. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable, as best understood, over Porte in view of Stoveken (US 3,782,745). The reference to Porte is discussed above and fails to teach the guide edges as having an interruption, and the width of the peripheral zone as being more than 5mm in size at the interruption. Stoveken teaches a gliding board (2) having guide edges (28, 30) which are interrupted (i.e., not continuous) at their ends. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to make the guide edges taught by Porte in an interrupted fashion as taught by Stoveken, for the purpose of providing guide edges only in the regions where they are needed for guiding of the board, and discontinuing them at forward and rearward ends of the board. As regards the width of the peripheral zone, while the references to Porte and Stoveken do not explicitly teach dimensions of the space, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the width of the peripheral zone at the region of the end (i.e., interruption) of the guide edges at an amount greater than 5 mm in order to increase the flexibility of the board edges (compared to the board at the central zone).

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## Response to Comments

7. Applicant's comments, filed with the amendment, have been carefully considered. As regards applicant's comment that the reference to Porte lacks the features added to claim 1, the examiner does not agree, and indeed a brief perusal of figure 3 of Porte's drawings should make it clear that the gliding surface and upper face of the peripheral zone are substantially parallel throughout the entire length of the board. Applicant's comments concerning figure 2 of Porte also appear to be incorrect: In this sectional view, Porte shows a gliding surface (16), a peripheral zone upper surface (22) and a central zone upper surface (23) having thickness substantially greater than that of the peripheral zone, wherein both the peripheral zone and the central zone are substantially parallel to the gliding surface. It is not clear how the addition of such a limitation which is so clearly taught by the prior art is deemed to advance the prosecution in a meaningful manner. Applicant has not argued any particular deficiency of the rejection set forth under 35 USC 103, other than a reiteration of the assertion that Porte fails to teach the limitations set forth in the independent claim. Inasmuch as Porte

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does teach the limitations applicant has added, the examiner notes with appreciation that applicant has not asserted any purported errors associated with the combination of the two references.

#### Conclusion

8. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry specifically concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to F. Vanaman whose telephone number is 571-272-6701.

Any inquiries of a general nature or relating to the status of this application may be made through either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

A response to this action should be mailed to:

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